

## CAN TRUNDLE HEAVY LOADS

Chinese Coolies Able to Transport Nearly Half a Ton on Peculiar Wheelbarrow.

In the wheelbarrow used in China the wheel is set in the center, and this supports practically the entire load, while the handles are supported in part by a strap or rope over the shoulders of the man who operates it.

As a result the coolie in China will transport nearly half a ton on his wheel. Wheelbarrows are much used in the country, where the roads are but little developed, and we have heard that passengers sometimes make the entire trip from Shanghai to Peking, a distance of 600 miles, by barrow.

A two-passenger barrow will make about 20 miles a day, and the coolie is content with a pay of about 20 cents a day, or an average of about half a cent a mile for each passenger. On the level, well kept streets of the foreign quarters of such cities as Hong Kong, Shanghai and Peking the wheelbarrow coolie will struggle along with a load of six or even eight people.

## IS HEAD OF HER FAMILY.

The Dutch woman of South Africa is the head of her family and must be obeyed by husband as well as children. She marries very young and has a large family. The woman of the cities is very different, having a good education, and when she finishes in Europe she is a most attractive creature, with great capacity for enjoyment. She is likely to be musical, but not literary, as the Dutch of that country have not reached that phase of development. The women of South Africa are very much taller than the women of Holland, and the city-bred girl is generally slender and rather pretty, which the Boer woman never is, being fat and figureless at 30.

## OLDEST DATED DECORATION.

Probably the oldest dated decoration in the world has recently been brought to light by the discovery of the funerary temple of King Sahura, who lived 2,500 B. C.

It lies between the Pyramids of Giseh and Saggarah, and has been unearthed by Dr. Borcharts, director of the German institute of archaeology at Cairo. Sculptured bas-reliefs illustrate Pharaoh conversing with the gods, conquering the Lybians, and receiving an embassy. Besides this there are hunting and fishing scenes, and most interesting of all, a fleet of ships of the period.

## ANCIENT WAR CLUBS.

Clubs were the weapons of primitive and savage men. Ancient specimens from Mexico are heavy sticks grooved along the side for the insertion of blades of obsidian—that is, volcanic glass. The Sioux club is a flat piece of wood, curving and widening away from the grip, and terminating in a spherical head, which in modern times carried a long spike, while the blades of several butcher knives are commonly inserted along the margin.

## HAD A WIDE CHOICE.

On the occasion of the late jubilee of the town of Wilhelmsburg in Germany the burgemeister received a telegram, signed by all the unmarried girls of the place, advising him to get married and saying that none of the undersigned had any objection to becoming a frau burgemeisterin.

## COLD STORAGE.

"Yes," said Miss Backbay, "Emerson appeals to us women of Boston. Although he has passed beyond we always keep him in our hearts, you know."

"You don't say," replied Miss Gotham. "I wonder how it feels to be kept in cold storage like that after death."

## CAUSE OF HIS HILARITY.

Green—I'd like that fellow Brown better if he didn't always laugh at his own jokes.

White—Brown doesn't laugh at his own jokes. He laughs at you fellows who are silly enough to listen to them.—Illustrated Bits.

## HAD HIM.

Cynical Man—Nature must have been dreaming when she made women.

New Woman—She must have had a Welsh rarebit nightmare when she made man.—Bohemian Magazine.

## CLEVER NEWFOUNDLAND DOG.

Insisted on Leaving a Tip for the Waiter After Meal.

There was a Newfoundland dog on board H. M. S. Bellona, which kept on deck during the battle of Copenhagen, running backward and forward with such courage and anger that he became a greater favorite with the men than ever. When the ship was paid off, after the peace of Amiens, the sailors had a parting dinner on shore. Victor was placed in the chair and fed roast beef and plum-pudding, and the bill was made out in Victor's name. To further carry out the joke three sovereigns were placed in front of Victor and the waiter ordered to give change. He did so, the dog wagging his tail benevolently the while. A small pile of copper and silver being



The Copper and Silver Sixpence He Insisted on Leaving as the Waiter's Tip.

deposited by the waiter, he was about to depart, when Victor was told to take up the money in his mouth and carry it to the captain. He did so, but could not be induced to touch the copper and a silver sixpence, which, amid roars of laughter, he insisted on leaving as the waiter's "tip," as he had been accustomed to see the captain do on many previous occasions.

## Upholding Authority.

It was a score of years ago that W. J. Connors, now chairman of the New York Democratic state committee, secured his first great freight-handling contract, and when the work was ready to start he appeared on the Ohio street dock at Buffalo and called a thousand burly "dock-wallopers" to order.

"Now," roared Connors, "yez are to worruk for me, and I want every man here to understand what's what. I kin lick anny man in the gang."

Nine hundred and ninety-nine swallowed the insult, but one huge, double-fisted warrior moved uneasily, and, stepping from the line, he said: "You can't lick me, Jim Connors."

"I can't, can't I?" bellowed "Fingy."

"No, ye can't," was the response.

"Oh, well; thin go to the office and git your money," said "Fingy." "I'll have no man in me gang that I can't lick."—Success Magazine.

## A TREE PUZZLE.

The Puzzle a Landlord Put Up to His Tenants.

A certain landlord had a square plot of land, in one quarter of which stood a house, let to four tenants. In the balance of the ground the landlord planted four apple trees, placed as shown in the sketch.

"Now," said the landlord to the tenants, rubbing his hands, "if you can divide the ground around the house into four equal plots, alike in shape, and each containing one of the four apple trees which I have planted, you



Arrangement of Plots.

shall have the land without any increase in your rent."

The tenants worried over the problem for some time, and then solved it as in the second sketch.

## Cat Characteristics.

Cats, rather than belong to a new master, will cling in grief to the old walls and refuse to be taken away from them. But if they can follow their master they will go to the end of the world. One must not forget that they are extraordinarily nervous and timid, and from timidity easily lose their heads and run away, they themselves know not whither. They must be well protected and made to feel that they are guarded and cared for. We must not, however, expect a cat to obey like a dog. It is a free and independent little beast—a cousin of the lion—a tropical animal which needs great warmth in order to become most beautiful and as large as its nature permits.—Carmen Sylva, in the Century.

## Areas of Various States.

The area of Maryland is 12,216 square miles, 2,350 square miles of which are water. There are seven states in the union which have smaller area, viz.: Every New England state except Maine and New Jersey and Delaware. The gross area of none of these states equals the land area of Maryland.

## GOLDEN ROD AS A REMEDY

Plant Dedicated to St. Augustine of Hippo Was Once Used by Physicians.

St. Augustine of Hippo, the great doctor of the church whose festival fell on August 28, is a sadly neglected saint among modern ritualists, and even occasionally confused with the namesake who insulted our British bishops. Yet he is pronounced by Hooker "without any equal," and regarded by Harnack as "the first modern man." He has been better honored in the floral world, for to him is dedicated the golden rod or wound wort (*Solidago virgaurea*). Old Gerard, with whom this was a favorite remedy, tells us that golden rod fetched a high price as a foreign herb until discovered growing near London, when the plant was neglected. He adds the caustic comment: "This verifieth our English proverb 'Far fetched and dear bought is best for ladies,' or for fantastical physicians." Before tobacco the golden rod also furnished snuff for our medieval forefathers.—Westminster Gazette.

## IMPECUNIOUS.



"My dear, I wish you would bring me 'The Holy City.'"

"Good gracious, love! I can't even afford to buy Brighton!"

## CHEAP WEDDING BREAKFAST.

After making special arrangements with a restaurant proprietor to decorate a table with flowers and assign special waiters to it, a bridegroom who was married here recently, who had said that a wedding party of 32 persons would order after they had seated themselves, appeared at the appointed time with the party and ordered coffee and cake for them, which they took one hour to consume.

After finishing their feast the happy husband gave the much chagrined proprietor \$3.20 and left.—Astoria Correspondence, San Francisco Call.

## HEIGHT OF CRIMINALS.

Dr. Charles Perrier says that criminals are for the most part of medium height. Thieves, he says, he found to be almost exclusively of medium stature and beggars nearly always of medium or slightly under that height. "It is seldom," he says, "that a fully developed beggar nature can be found in a large frame." Murderers, on the other hand, his observations prove to be above the average in size. All the prisoners under punishment for arson and for counterfeiting measured by him came under the head of "small." His observations were made in France.

## TACT.

"You insisted on our coming to this hot, horrid place," shrilled Mrs. Outsome, "and I'm sunburned till I look like an Apache Indian!"

"Not at all, my love," said Mr. Outsome. "Your complexion is a clear, beautiful light brown."

Thus did a soft tan, sir, as it were, turn away wrath.

## RASHNESS.

The candidate for office had openly advocated honesty.

Naturally the other managers of the machine were indignant.

"I always said that fellow was no politician," commented one, and the rest agreed that the outlook was dubious.

## THE TROUBLE.

Lowé Comerdy—Yes, Starman, the tragedian, is hopelessly mad.

Hi Tragedy—Overstudy?

Lowé Comerdy—No, his understudy. He made a bigger hit in the part than Starman.—Philadelphia Press.

## EARL IS BUILDING FORT.

Wants to Keep His Ferocious Dogs Safe From Thieves.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle, whose marital affairs have brought so much prominence to him, has begun work on a new building on his place in Blooming Grove, near Monroe, N. Y., that strongly resembles a fortress, the windows and doors being heavily barred, while the entire structure is strongly built.

Earle intends to use the place as a stable and insists that it has to be strongly built to keep his horses and even his ferocious great Dane dogs safe from thieves.

As a further protection against robbers he has posted large signs on his land warning all that trespass thereon that they do so under the risk of being shot or torn by vicious dogs.

While Earle is taking these means to protect his property, his more conservative neighbors are considering the formation of a law and order society for the mutual protection of their possessions. Last winter eleven of the homes of summer residents were robbed, and the horses and other stock of others were stolen.

## PANAMA BOND ISSUE

## AFTER THE ELECTION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Immediately after the election Secretary Cortelyou will announce his intention of issuing \$50,000,000 Panama canal bonds. The deficit in the Treasury is increasing at the rate of about \$4,000,000 a month, and the Secretary does not think the financial condition of the Government warrants much longer delay in the matter of a bond issue.

The bonds will bear 3 per cent. The proceeds are not needed for canal construction now, but the disparity between revenues and Government expenditure makes the issue of bonds imperative.

## PRINCE TRIES FLYING.

Takes a Trip in the Airship of Count Zeppelin.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Oct. 29.—Count Zeppelin's airship made an ascension yesterday morning with Prince Henry, of Prussia and Capt. Mischke as passengers. The airship started in the direction of Ueberlingen to the northward of Lake Constance.

## Coal Barges Fail to Start.

Gallipolis, O., Oct. 27.—Coal operators in the Great Kanawha river district for the second time within two weeks failed to start 1,000,000 bushels of coal to the Cincinnati market owing to the rise from New river falling to make barge water in the Ohio river. Steam was raised on the boats and crews hired at great expense. Pittsburg river coal operators have not shipped any coal since May. Over 1,000 barges are loaded ready to start south, valued at close to a million dollars. Over 23,000 idle barges are tied up between Pittsburg and Cincinnati.

## Five Men Missing.

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 27.—Arrangements were made at Fort Rosecrans to send out a boat to look for four members of the Twenty-eighth coast artillery and an army mechanic from San Francisco. The five men left for the Coronado Islands Sunday morning on a fishing cruise, expecting to return the same night. They have not been seen since. They carried food and water for only one day. The men are: Corporal Reynolds and Privates Blanchard, Wykoff and Crosby and Mechanic Hughes.

## England's Position.

London, Oct. 27.—The British government has issued in London and through the several British ambassadors abroad, a formal denial that the rupture in negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Turkey was due to Great Britain's intervention, together with a statement that any direct arrangement satisfactory to Turkey would in the opinion of the British government smooth the way towards a general settlement.

## Regulates Fortune Tellers.

Los Angeles, Oct. 3.—The council has passed an ordinance forbidding mediums, fortune tellers and others to advertise to restore lost lovers, find gold mines, and do other things that some claim they are able to do by occult science. The ordinance passed is a compromise agreed to by the state spiritualists' association and a large number of medium and fortune tellers.

## Passenger Train Derailed.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 27.—Rock Island passenger train No. 8 from Denver was derailed as it was entering this city by a broken switchbar, which caused the engine to take one track while the rest of the train took another. No one was injured, but the passengers were considerably shaken up and badly frightened.

## Drys Win Three Counties.

Columbus, O., Oct. 27.—Temperance forces won three county option elections, as follows: Greene county, dry by 750, 27 saloons; Williams county, dry by 1,726, 19 saloons; Trumbull county, dry by 900, 72 saloons. A total of 1,045 saloons have been voted out under the new county option law to date.

## Miles of Human Hair.

The average woman carries 50 miles of hair on her head.

## NATURE KEEPS SCALES EVEN

Provides Parasites Seemingly for the Purpose of Destroying Other Parasites.

The department of agriculture cultivates insects that destroy any and all crop parasites. The polygnotus hiemalis can whip any Hessian fly ever born; the tussyphebus tritici is death on the green bug. The green bug eats the other, which promptly lays its eggs inside its devourer. The young eat their way to the open air, thus killing the green bug.

To one lone lady bug is due the destruction of the San Jose scale which did millions of dollars' damage to the fruit trees of California. When the pest had become a positive menace the department heard of a species of bug in North China which was fatal to the scale. A large number of the bugs were procured, but all were dead except one when they reached this country. This one insect was taken to Washington and became a ward of the government. She rewarded her keepers by laying about 5,000 eggs. In an incredibly short space of time she had a flourishing family of several billions and the reign of the scale was over.—Van Norden's Magazine.

## USE FOR EMPTY JAILS.

According to a floating news item there are several nice rooms in the county jail at Appomattox, Va., and, owing to the scarcity of houses in the town, a family has moved into and will occupy them as a residence. Here is a suggestion for other counties where crime is falling off to such an extent that there are at all times a few vacant cells. By making a few alterations they could be turned into comfortable living rooms, and undoubtedly some one could be found who would be glad to secure them at a reasonable rental. If the world is really growing better, and crime is to be abolished, we may as well prepare to see our jails and penitentiaries turned into comfortable apartment houses with all modern improvements and excellent janitor service.

## No Lie, Either.

Mrs. McSwat—Billinger, how did you like the decorations at the church this morning?

Mr. McSwat—All the decorations I could see, Lobelia, were worn by the young lady in front of me. I liked the grand sweep of the brim, the floral display and the general arrangement of the ribbons, but I thought the dead bird looked out of place.

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